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Playground Upgrade Project

With the growing number of families entering the MIA neighborhood, the MIA board is considering a project to upgrade the children's playground located behind the pool house. This project would be funded from homeowners' dues collected at the beginning of 2008. The board will undertake a feasibility study this fall and look for fund matching or donation sources. In the meantime we welcome your comments and suggestions on the MIA blogsite

<http://blog.miahomeowners.com>

Community Landscaping Project

Now that the summer months are ending, Dan Migliore is reigniting the landscaping project. Dan has pulled together a work crew of local residents and their goal is to beautify and cleanup the entrance into your Montevideo Pool & Clubhouse at the corner of Camden and Coleman. Want to get involved?

Email info@miahomeowners.com or Dan at dan_migliore@yahoo.com. Have ideas or suggestions? Leave them on the MIA blogsite.

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Montevideo Aerial History

Patty Harrison of Puerto Vallarta Drive moved to the Montevideo Neighborhood in December 1967. Her late husband took two aerial photos in July and August of 1968. Patty scanned both photographs and they are posted to the MIA website. In the first photo there is no Guadalupe School, no Oak Canyon and Camden Avenue deadends. The homes on the west side of Camden are just being built and you can see the model homes on Guadalajara Court. The second picture is of Puerto Vallarta Drive where Patty lives and you can see a little progress on the school site. Note the absence of trees. The MIA extends a special thank you to Patty for providing these great photos!!

If you have something to share regarding our neighborhood's past, please call any board member.

Use RSS to Keep Up-to-Date with MIA

Use RSS & keep up-to-date with the MIA website. RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is an XML-based format for sharing web content, headlines and links. Using a news aggregator, one can customize all the RSS feeds (websites, blogsites, etc.) that they receive, into a single place. The news aggregator automatically checks for updates to all the RSS feeds. The articles on the MIA website www.miahomeowners.com are now available through RSS feeds. What this really means is that you can be notified of website updates and MIA news without the MIA having to collect and maintain an email list.

To access RSS feeds, you will need a news aggregator. A news aggregator can be a dedicated program, an email program with RSS capabilities or a web-based news reader such as MyYahoo! or MyAOL. At the bottom of the MIA website there is a "**Subscribe to: Posts (ATOM)**" link. You can either click the link to automatically subscribe or use the

<http://blog.miahomeowners.com/feeds/posts/default> link to plug into the RSS feed of your reader.

There is also a tutorial on RSS feeds, from Yahoo!'s perspective, at:

http://help.yahoo.com/us/tutorials/cg/mail/cg_rss1.html

Here are some useful links for specific RSS readers:

- If you use **Google Reader**:
<http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/reader/help.html>
- If you use **MyYahoo**:
<http://help.yahoo.com//us/yahoo/my/adding/adding-05.html>
- If you use **Yahoo Mail**:
http://help.yahoo.com/us/tutorials/cg/mail/cg_rss1.html
- If you use **myAOL**:
<http://my.aol.com/v.5/help/faq.htm>
- If you use **NewsGator**:
<http://www.newsgator.com/>

Still have questions?

Email: info@miahomeowners.com for help.

Bus Routes in Almaden Valley

The VTA is proposing changes to bus services which may impact Montevideo residents. The proposal looks to replace ordinary buses with community buses on certain routes. For a comprehensive look at the proposed changes, visit the VTA website. The Almaden Resident (August 10, 2007 edition) features a story showcasing direct impact to local residents. The MIA welcomes your feedback and comments.

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"For Sale By Montevideo Homeowners" Launches

The MIA board has received recent requests for placing classified ads in the monthly newsletter. In response to these requests we have launched the "For Sale by Montevideo Homeowners" website located at <http://forsale.miahomeowners.com>. If you have something to sell, send us an email at forsale@miahomeowners.com and we'll post it for you.

Here are a few items currently posted for sale:

- **NEW Guardian Generator** by Generac Power Systems Inc.
- **Nike Total90 Laser FG Shoes**, Size 7.
- **Schwinn Air-Dyne Stationary Bike**
- **Wurlitzer Upright Piano**

Check out the website <http://forsale.miahomeowners.com> for all the information.

Neighborhood Awareness

Police warn Almaden, Willow Glen and Cambrian residents of possible crimes!

According to the Almaden Times Weekly newspaper, over several months a number of burglaries have occurred throughout Santa Clara County, including western and southern San Jose. The San Jose Police Department Burglary Unit is investigating several reports of suspects impersonating Water District employees, or construction workers who contact senior citizens at their homes. The suspects say they are with the Water District or construction crew, doing work in the area due to problems with the water lines.

The suspect says he needs to test the water. Typically, the suspect will ask the victim to perform some task in one part of the house or yard while the suspect or a partner goes to other parts of the house and burglarizes the home. The suspect(s) leaves the residence after taking money, jewelry, passports, guns or other small items.

Citizens **should not** allow any unscheduled visitor, repairman or "company employee" of any type into their homes. We recommend citizens call 9-1-1 immediately for any suspicious person, vehicle or activity in your neighborhood.

Suspect(s) Description: Several suspects appear to be committing the burglaries. They are usually men 30-35 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, short brown hair, facial hair with olive complexions. On occasion, the suspects wear orange work vests and hard hats. One suspect has been described as a WMA or HMA in his mid 40s to mid 50s with a round face and heavy build. The last incident involved a suspect described as HMA or middle Eastern, medium build, clean shaven, 6 feet tall and wearing a hard hat.

Associated Vehicles: Cargo-type white van, utility truck or SUV-type vehicles.

Anyone with information on this case is urged to call the San Jose Police Department Burglary Unit at (408) 277-4401. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call Crime Stoppers at (408) 947-STOP.

Clubhouse Rates

- 1. Non-Profit:** Monday-Thursday \$30.00
(No Food or Drinks. Bring your own cleaning supplies. Deposit of \$100 will be cashed if cleaning is required or damages occur.)
- 2. Meetings:** Monday-Thursday \$125.00
(No Food or Drinks. Bring your own cleaning supplies. Deposit of \$100 will be cashed if cleaning is required or damages occur.)
- 3. Parties:** Montevideo Residents \$200.00
Non-Residents..... \$450.00
(Food & Drinks are permitted. Cleaning is included in the price. Deposit of \$100 will be cashed if extensive cleaning is required or damages occur.)

Terms:

- Maximum of 8 rentals per year per person.
- Full payment, including separate check for \$100.00 deposit, are required 30 days in advance of rental.
- Loss of key will result in loss of security deposit.
- All rentals require completion of a Rental Agreement, Board Members included.

Please call Linda Lindt, Clubhouse Manager, at 997-8104 or email clubhouse@miahomeowners.com for reservations.

Babysitters

- Sarah Hollenback:** 17, lives in Almaden, 781.8145 (cell), babysits 3yrs & up, pet sits, house sits, has taken babysitting classes
- Ashley Osugi:** 13, lives on Upper Puerto Vallarta Dr., 323.9245, babysits 3yrs & up, Red Cross cert.
- Marissa Spink:** 16, lives on Alvarado Ct., 997.6332, babysits 3yrs & up, pet sits any animal, walks dogs, experienced
- Sebastien Chene:** 15, lives on Montelegre Dr., 881.3412 (cell), babysits 3yrs & up
- Emily Eccles:** 17, lives on Montellano Dr., 705.5242, pet sits any animal (including reptiles), walks dogs, experienced
- Briana Gricius:** 17, lives on De Palma Dr., 268.0256, babysits any age, has taken babysitting & Red Cross classes
- Kacey Gricius:** 14, lives on De Palma Dr., 268.0256, pet sits any animal

Teachers

- Shohreh Taj:** Piano & Guitar teacher, 823.1461, 20yrs experience

If you would like to join the above list please e-mail Robin Holm at rrholm@gmail.com or newsletter@miahomeowners.com

